

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes  
City of Mount Vernon  
December 9, 2014 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on December 9, 2014 at 7:08 p.m. with the following members present: Lori Boren, Kelli Chapman and Scott Rose. Absent: Mike Cranston and Jason Weaver. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Boren, seconded by Chapman to approve agenda. Carried all. Cranston and Weaver absent.
2. Approval of the Minutes from October 21, 2014 meeting. On item #6 in the minutes a revision will be made to state that 2 pool lights work instead of one. Motion made by Boren, seconded by Chapman to approve minutes as corrected. Carried all. Cranston and Weaver absent.
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.
4. Directors Report –October 2014. New park signs are in for the three parks and will be installed as time allows. Linn County Public Health stopped by on October 30<sup>th</sup> for the final assessment for the transformation grant. The city passed and they were impressed with the things that the money was used for. Siders will be sending out a questionnaire to Council in regards to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to get some feedback. Girls basketball has started and going well. There were not enough teams for adult volleyball. Katey has informed Siders that she will return next year to run the pool. There was an event at the dog park for Halloween. Cookie decorating went well again during Magical Night.
5. Discussion regarding future CIP - Capital Improvement Projects and prioritization. Rose and Siders met last week and went through the FY budgets to determine what adjustments needed to be made. There were some changes made based on the bypass being put on the five year plan. For example, the culvert going under Highway 30 near the ambulance building. A few items that were in the current budget were eliminated by the new Council. Siders went through current items on the CIP plan and went through things that could possibly be eliminated and items that should stay. Some items that were in the plan previously have not been completed as of yet. In summary, items that Siders will be asking for during the budgeting process will be the Stonebrook Trail, Sauter Park lighting, pool renovation and pool parking lot overlay. The splashpad in the Stonebrook addition will wait until there is further development in that area.
6. Discussion regarding Master Parks Plan. Siders and Boren met briefly to discuss the Master Parks Plan and made a few changes. On page 4 there was mention of the public works department that was taken out, there will be some data pulled from the comprehensive plan and add more in to the plan for the study area. On page 6, more research will be done in regards to the “standards”. Changes were made to marketing and organizational structure on page 7. Additional areas were discussed and input given on

possible changes to content and formatting. All members were in agreement that the plan was going in the right direction. Discussion and work will continue.

7. Discussion regarding officially naming Sauter and Petrick areas along Hahn Creek to Hahn Creek Greenway. Directly south of the Sauter Park is a piece called Petrick. This has never been officially named Sauter Park so Siders is recommending renaming that area Hahn Creek Greenway. Hahn Creek basically ends at the skate park. Rose was wondering if the naming shouldn't be extended from Elliott Athletic Complex all the way to Nature Park. Boren agreed. Rose also suggested officially naming the new gazebo area as Sauter Park. All agreed. Rose will talk to Ed Sauter about this and come back at the next meeting with an action item for the agenda.
8. Discussion and possible action on canceling regular December Parks and Recreation Board meeting scheduled for December 16, 2014. Rose stated that this meeting tonight was technically the November meeting, since there was not one in November. The consensus of the board was that there would not be enough time to discuss or time to prepare for a regular meeting in December. Boren made a motion to cancel the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and continue with the regularly scheduled January meeting. Chapman seconded. Carried all. Cranston and Weaver absent.
9. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer). None.
10. Old Business. Now that most of the signage is in place, Rose would like to look into secondary signage.
11. New Business. Chapman will be offering a couple of classes on December 13<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup>. Siders is going to pose 5 questions to Council to help assist in the Master Parks Plan process. Siders will be budgeting for 2 season staff members to assist in parks projects. Jason Weaver will be submitting a letter of resignation. A grant was received from Carolyn Wellso and has been earmarked towards park benches.
12. Motion made by Boren, seconded by Chapman to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Carried all. Cranston and Weaver absent.

Respectfully submitted, Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk.